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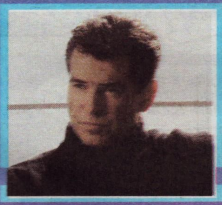

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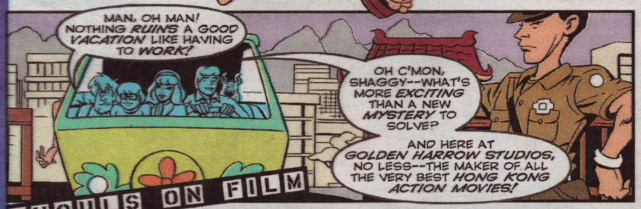

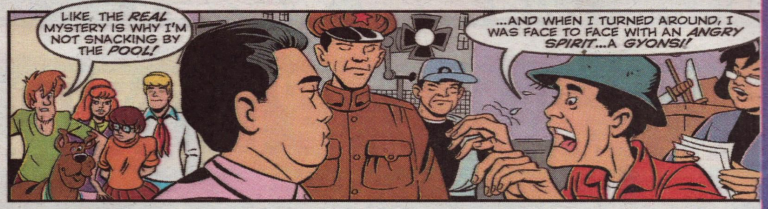

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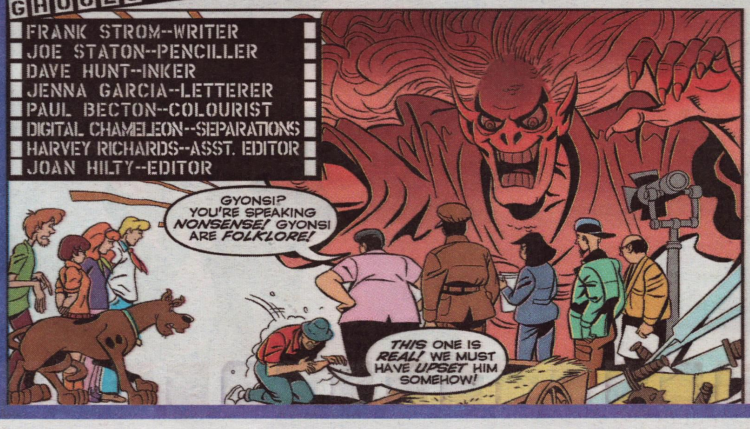

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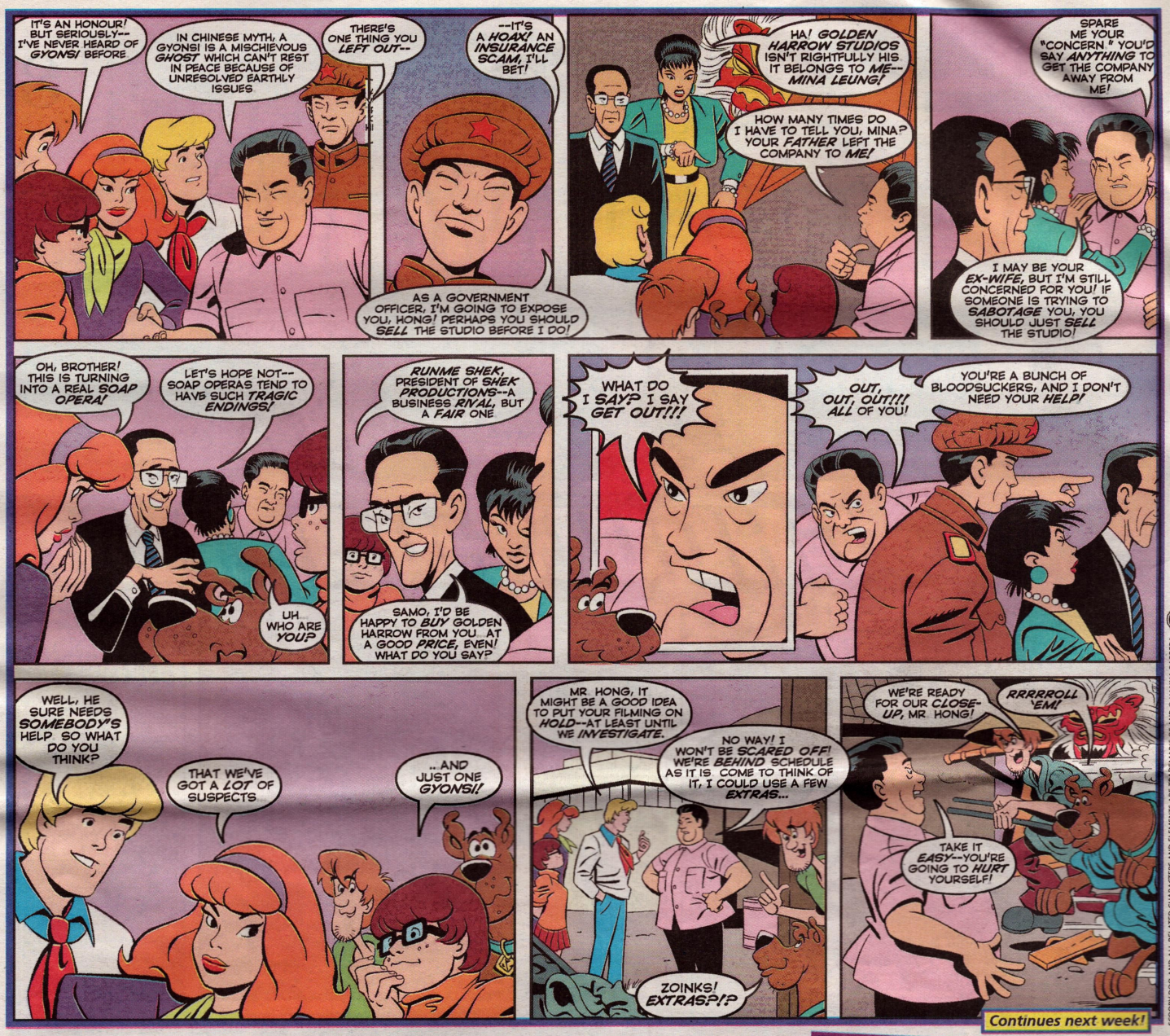

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TEAM FUNDAY!

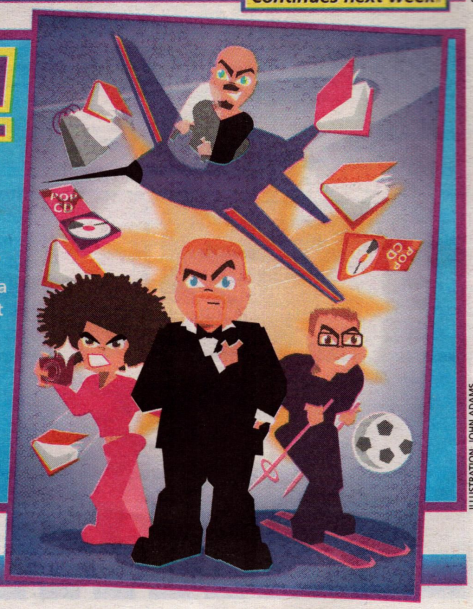
The Funday team has gone 007 crazy this week – and you'll see what we mean when you take a look inside our special James Bond issue. To celebrate the British spy's 40th anniversary and the release this Friday of the 20th Bond film, Die Another Day [cert 12A], we've even had our own 007-style team poster created. It's Team Funday on our thrilling mission – to bring you the best Sunday paper in the whole world!

We hope you like the special issue – it's packed with lots of Bond info, codes to crack and spying tips so that you can embark on your own secret missions at home. You will need to do some surveillance work too, so that you can check out our great Die Another Day feature on page 5 for a guide to the new film and to meet some of the people responsible for putting Bond's latest adventure on the big screen.

The centre pages contain a feast of quizzes, games and even a James Bond personality test. Yes, you can find out how you measure up to 007 himself and discover whether you're a goodie or a baddie! And if you spot anything that looks like it could be written in code [see below], it probably is! For help on how to crack them, see page 6. Some of our cartoon stars have even joined in the 007 fun, can you spy which ones?

Have a great week,

Team Funday – Dave, Paul, Claire & Ed



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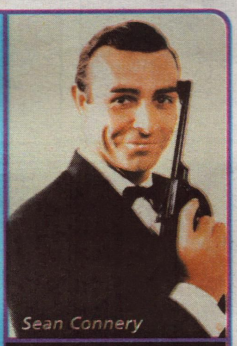
FUNDAY

NEWS

Best of British

It's 40 years since James Bond first exploded onto the big screen in Dr No. Luckily, the super-spy doesn't seem to be feeling his age as he leaps into action in Die Another Day, his 20th movie mission. Five actors have played 007 in the official film series – Sean Connery, George Lazenby, Roger Moore, Timothy Dalton and Pierce Brosnan. But which one can claim to be the best Bond? Roger Moore wins the prize for the most assignments, having starred in seven films. But Pierce Brosnan is the first billion-dollar Bond [that's a staggering £1,000m] taking that sum at the box-office from his first three 007 movies – GoldenEye, Tomorrow Never Dies and The World Is Not Enough.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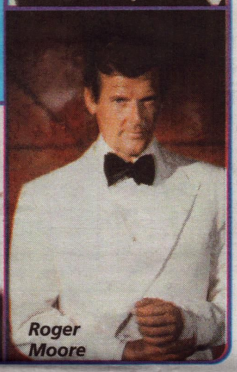
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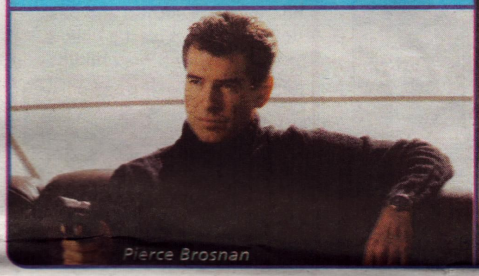
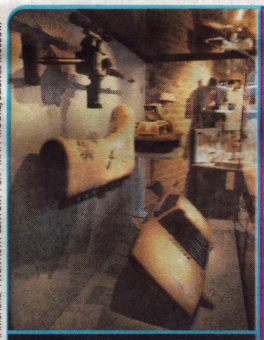

Pierce Brosnan

Reel to real

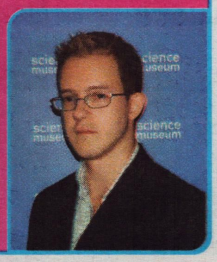


Q Branch can always be guaranteed to come up with some incredible inventions. Now you can see many of these brilliant gadgets at the Bond, James Bond exhibition at the Science Museum in London. But according to curator Dave Rooney [below], what starts as fiction can soon become fact!

"A lot of 007's gadgets have their roots in reality," explains Dave. "In the 1963 film, From Russia With Love, Bond has a phone in his car which was unusual at the time, but cell phones have become very popular. And in Licence To Kill, Bond has a camera gun that can recognise his palm print [left]. Fingerprint recognition is a big deal in gun manufacture now, making sure that only the person who owns the gun can fire it."

There are plenty of other examples, too. The World Is Not Enough features a retina scanner, currently used by security devices in airports. So, does this mean that technology steals its ideas from 007? Dave doesn't think so.

"Bond gadgets are a mixture of fantasy, reality and prediction. It takes a long time to develop working technology. A film maker can make a prop which doesn't have to work, knowing that the real thing is being developed in research labs and won't come out for years!"



The Bond, James Bond exhibition runs until April 27 – call 0870 870 4868 for more details

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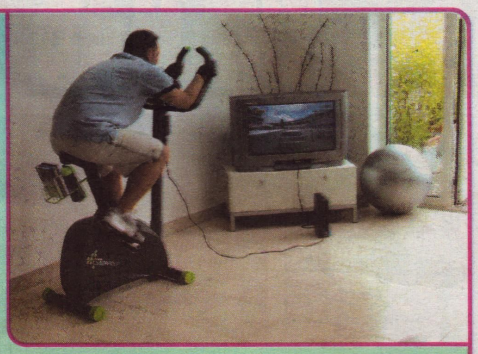
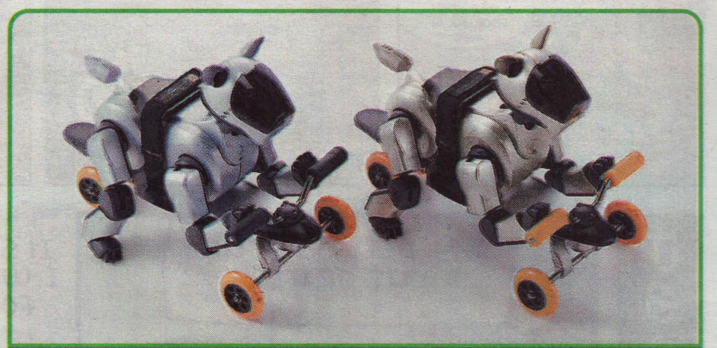
Spin to win



Bond isn't just a big screen action hero – he's a games star, too, thanks to top titles like Agent Under Fire and 007 Racing. But if you fancy a more physical challenge than simple button bashing, you can now make your missions really move! The Reebok Cyber Rider plugs into your PC or PS2 and lets you pump up the action on your games with pedal power. The quicker you cycle, the faster your on-screen vehicle will travel, whether you're biking or burning rubber in a car chase. Pads in the handles let you steer left and right. The Cyber Ryder provides amazing exercise but at £299, anyone who wants one will need to build up their savings before they can build up their fitness levels.

Chip shot

A new high-tech system could soon be introduced at football matches to make sure refs never make another mistake. Called Smartball, it involves microchips being sewn into the football and the players' shin-guards. Antennae placed around the pitch track the chips and send information to a computer. When a player is offside or the ball goes out of play, the information is sent to a special watch worn by the referee. Developed by a German company, it's thought that West Germany's defeat in the 1966 World Cup final, when Geoff Hurst scored a hotly disputed goal that didn't appear to go over the line, is one of the inspirations for the high-tech gizmo. It's hoped Smartball will be used in the 2006 World Cup.

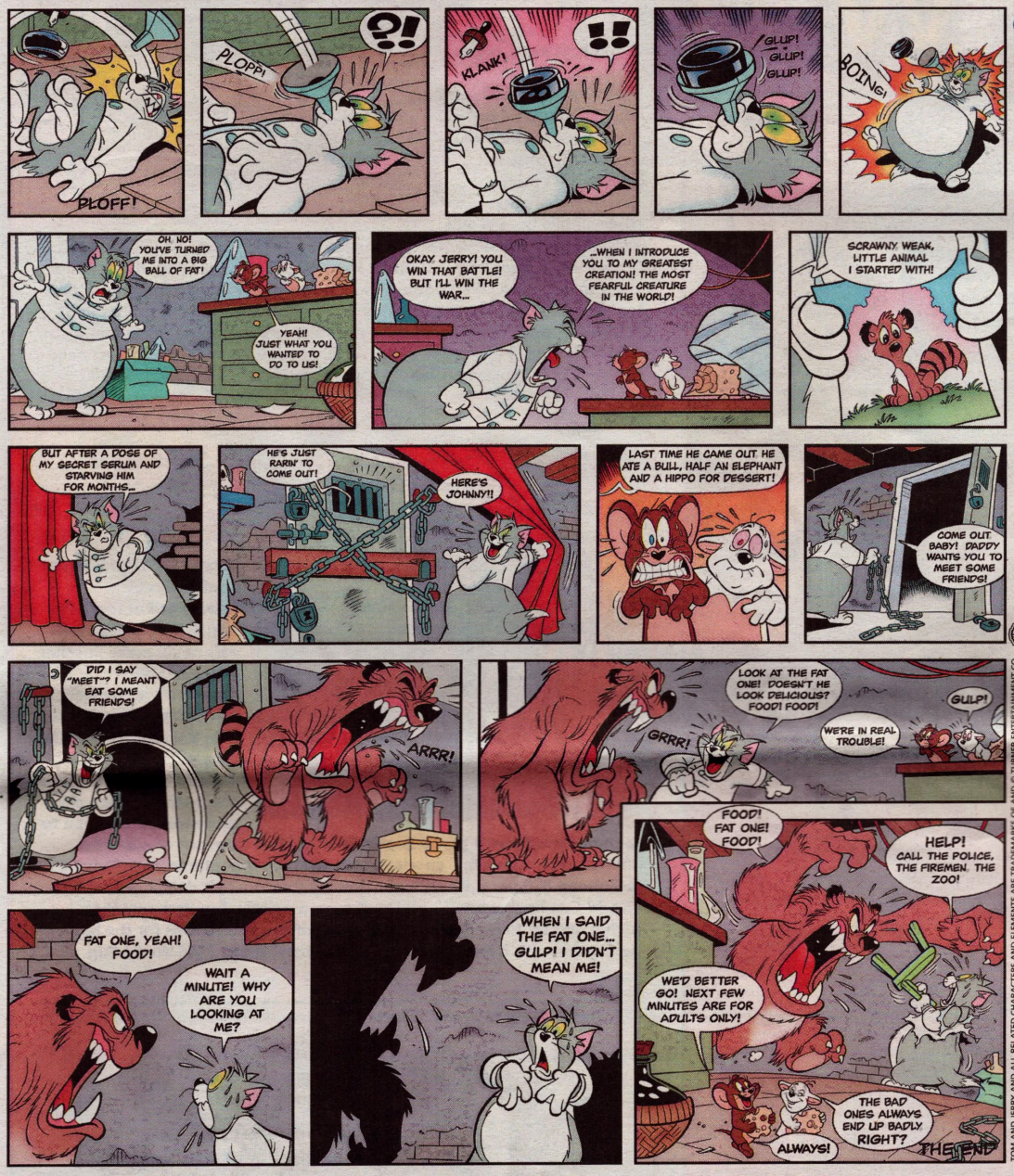


Skate mate

If your electronic pet is getting dog-tired, let it skate around the house instead! The Speed Board is designed to give Sony AIBOs a boost. Just attach the robot to the skateboard and it can carry out commands in record time. AIBO has a built-in colour digital camera and infrared distance sensors that should stop it from smashing into the wall. A gadget for a gadget? Q would definitely approve!

TOM AND JERRY THE MAD SCIENTIST

The story so far – Tom's forced Jerry's pal to drink a potion that makes him fat! But the mice are ready for revenge



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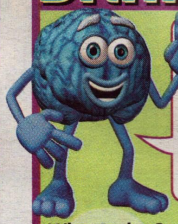

I'm Brainbox – the Funday boffin! Send in a puzzling question you want to know the answer to and see if my friends and I can answer it

What is the Sun made of?
Abbie Cooper, 10, Tonbridge

Our Sun is a star that began life made up mostly of hydrogen, just like all the stars in the universe. Hydrogen is their fuel and is what makes them shine. At the core of every star, hydrogen particles are kept at such high temperatures and pressures that four individual particles of hydrogen are forced to join together – creating a flash of energy and one particle of helium. Our Sun converts 4.5m tonnes of hydrogen into energy every second and has done this for at least 5 billion years! The Sun is now middle-

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aged. In another 5 billion years time it will run out of hydrogen and will use the helium it has made as fuel. It will then swell up to become a red giant star bringing it closer to Earth, making our planet unfit for life. The outer layers of our swollen Sun will cool down and disperse to form a planetary nebular, from which new stars can form.

Answer by Vicky Brightman from the National Space Centre www.spacecentre.co.uk

If you have a question for Brainbox, write to: Brainbox, The Funday Times, PO Box 495, London E98 1ST or e-mail brainbox@sunday-times.co.uk

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REAL BOND

Paul Wray meets the movie men behind Die Another Day

Die Another Day is Pierce Brosnan's fourth adventure as British secret agent, James Bond. Once again, 007 needs to stop a villain from ruining the world – travelling to exotic locations, using great gadgets and getting the girls! But does all this action get easier for the man himself?

"No, I can't say that it does really because you have such a high standard to set for yourself," ponders Pierce. "Also, I love this franchise and this character, and I want it to be great for everybody. I want it to keep going after I'm gone."

Not that he's thinking of hanging up his holster just yet. "I'd certainly like to do one more. After that I don't know, you are looking at 51, 52. What age did Sean Connery and Roger Moore get out?"

The latest Bond movie saw filming disrupted when Pierce took a nasty knock on his knee. "The truth is I did my meniscus, which is a part of the knee, and there was no recourse but to have an operation. It was just a foolish mistake on my behalf in not stretching. Doing a 100m dash full out with six cameras, 500 extras, hovercrafts, squibs, explosions. You can't do it without warming up!"

For director Lee Tamahori, it proved a real headache. "Pierce had to have it operated on and that took 10 days out of our shooting schedule," he explains. "We were shooting out of sequence and all over the place. It drove me and the assistant directors nuts. I wouldn't like to do it like that again."

Whatever the inconvenience, however, Lee believes it was worth the wait to get Pierce back on set.

"When you put him in the suit he's just stunning. His whole demeanour changes and the crew changes around him. It's amazing, and he knows it, he feels it and he plays the scene accordingly."

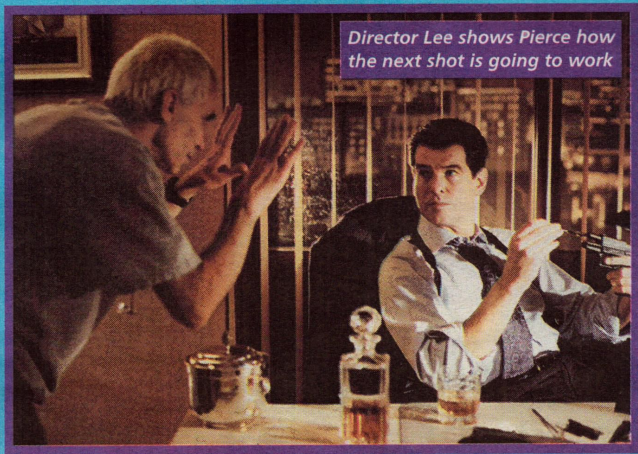
Another person who relishes working with Bond is veteran production designer Peter Lamont – Die Another Day was the 17th 007 movie that he has worked on!

"I'm responsible for the whole visual look of the film," Peter explains. "It's an odd title as I'm basically a super co-ordinator. I take all the flak!"

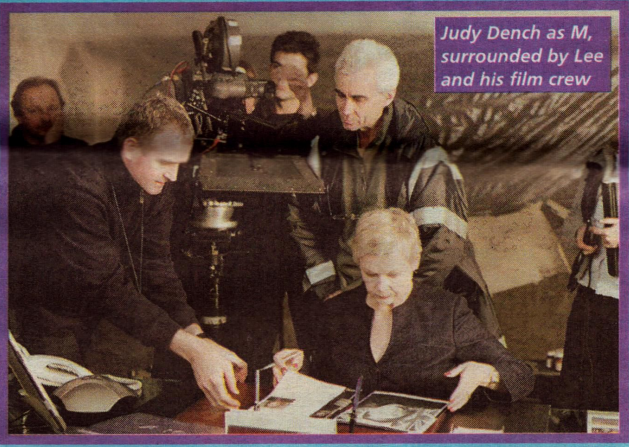
Peter also takes his passport when scouting for locations, before filming began he travelled to Cuba, Spain, Iceland and Hong Kong. Although Peter reckons the scene to look out for is the Ice Palace, which was filmed at Pinewood Studios in the UK. "Look out for the Ice Palace and particularly Bond's bedroom. It looks beautiful, from the lighting to the Versace dress Halle [Berry] gets to wear. I'll enjoy watching it!"

And with Pierce as his favourite 007, Peter is quick to pick Die Another Day as his favourite film.

"The last one [Die Another Day] must be my favourite. We spent so much time in the studio. Usually you spend four or five weeks in studios, then go out for a few weeks and then back into the studio. But for this one, instead of out, in, out, in, it was in, in, in, in. We only shot a few days outside the studio because of bad weather. You should just look at the film and then think that Pierce only spent three or four days outside the studio."



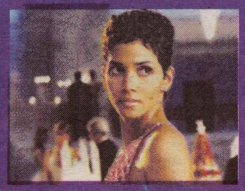
Director Lee shows Pierce how the next shot is going to work



Judy Dench as M, surrounded by Lee and his film crew

Who's new:

Gustav Graves
A master swordsman, millionaire Gustav is the latest Bond villian



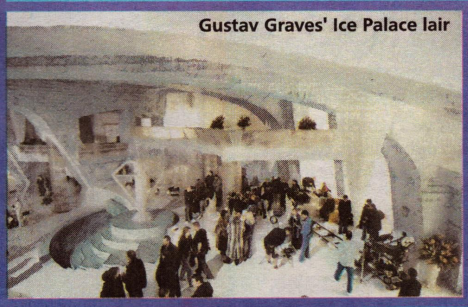
Jinx
A quick-witted and tough Bond girl

Zao
Gustav's nasty henchman whose face is disfigured by the British agent

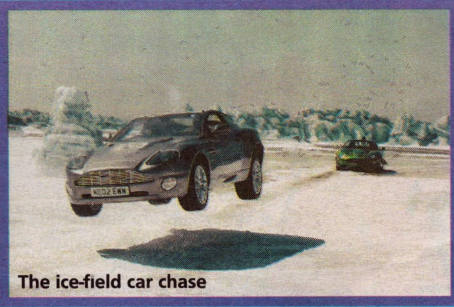
Miranda Frost
An Olympic fencing champion, ice-cool Miranda lives up to her name

What to look out for:

A spectacular opening sequence, a hovercraft chase through a minefield



Gustav Graves' Ice Palace lair



The ice-field car chase

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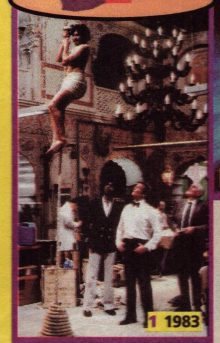
SPIES LIKE US!

PREMIUM BOND

Die Another Day is the 20th official James Bond film, but how well do you know the famous movie series? See if you can spot which films these five classic scenes were taken from. As a clue, we've given you the year in which each film was released.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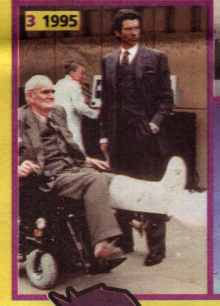
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FOR YOUR EYES ONLY

If you don't want the enemy to read your secret communications, use a code. Here are some simple ideas that are surprisingly hard to crack. Just tell your mate which code you're using and you'll always be able to get your message across!

CODE 1
THE WORLD IS NOT ENOUGH
Write your message in reverse
HGUONE TON SI DLROW EHT
Then break the letters into new groups
HG UONE TONS IDLR OWEHT

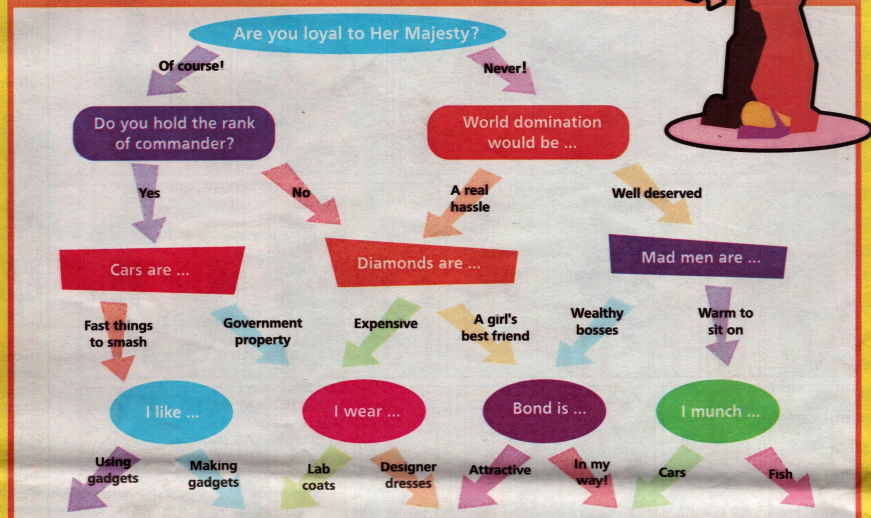
CODE 2
THE LIVING DAYLIGHTS
Split your message into pairs of letters
TH EL IV IN GD AY LI GH TS
Reverse each pair
HT LE VI NI DG YA IL HG ST
Then squash them all back together again
HTLEVINIDGYAILHGST

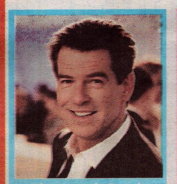
CODE 3
THE SPY WHO LOVED ME
Break the letters into new groups
THESP YWH OLOV EDME
Reverse the letters in each group
PSEHT HWY VOLO EMDE

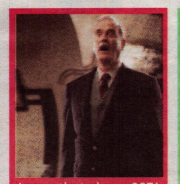
If you fancy getting into the James Bond spirit this week – just like the Funday team – we've got everything you need! You can learn the coolest codes, find out which Bond character you're most like, uncover some super spying tips and test your 007 knowledge

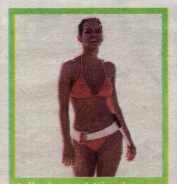
MINDRAKER

Take our Bond personality test and discover who you are! Start at the top

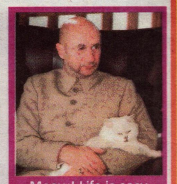



The name's Bond, James Bond


Leave that alone, 007! Q's the name


Hello James! It's glamour galore as a Bond girl

Rrrrrhhhh! Don't mess with me, I'm Jaws


Meow! Life is easy as Blofeld's cat

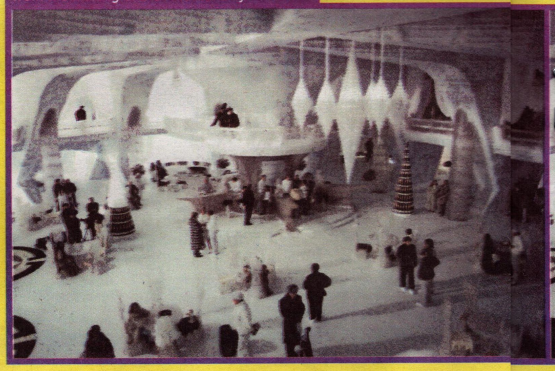
DISGUISES ARE FOREVER

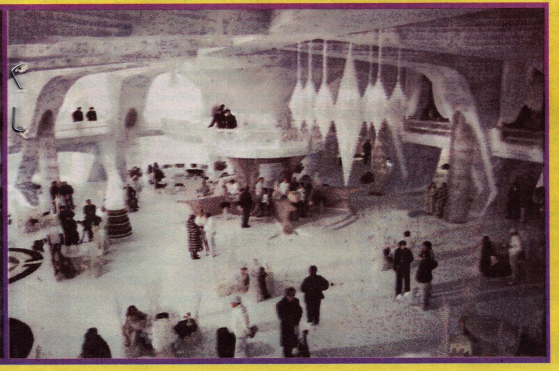
Spies in disguise! Know how to change your appearance with our handy pointers:

- Have a collection of clothes you wouldn't normally wear and, remember, dull colours work best. Better still, old specs, scarfs and hats are another great way to disguise yourself
- Umbrellas are very handy for hiding your face in an emergency – but only use it in bad weather to avoid raising suspicion
- Beards and moustaches are essential to changing the look of your face – but make sure they look real!
- Use cushions around your tummy and tie scarfs around your legs and arms. This will make you look larger than you are

EAGLE EYES

You'll need a GoldenEye to solve this cunning deception. To match 007's skills, spot the seven differences between these two scenes from the making of Die Another Day.





LIVE AND LET SPY

Secret agents know how to shadow their adversaries. Here's our tips on how to follow people without being noticed:

- Study how people act in the street and learn how to blend in. Cross the road, pretend to text a mate or look in shop windows to appear normal
- A newspaper is an excellent decoy – peak your eyes over the top while spying but don't move your head
- To avoid suspicion, never tail behind your suspect too closely – stopping and starting when they do. It's a dead giveaway!
- Be very wary of reflections in windows and corners, which can be used by the enemy to expose you

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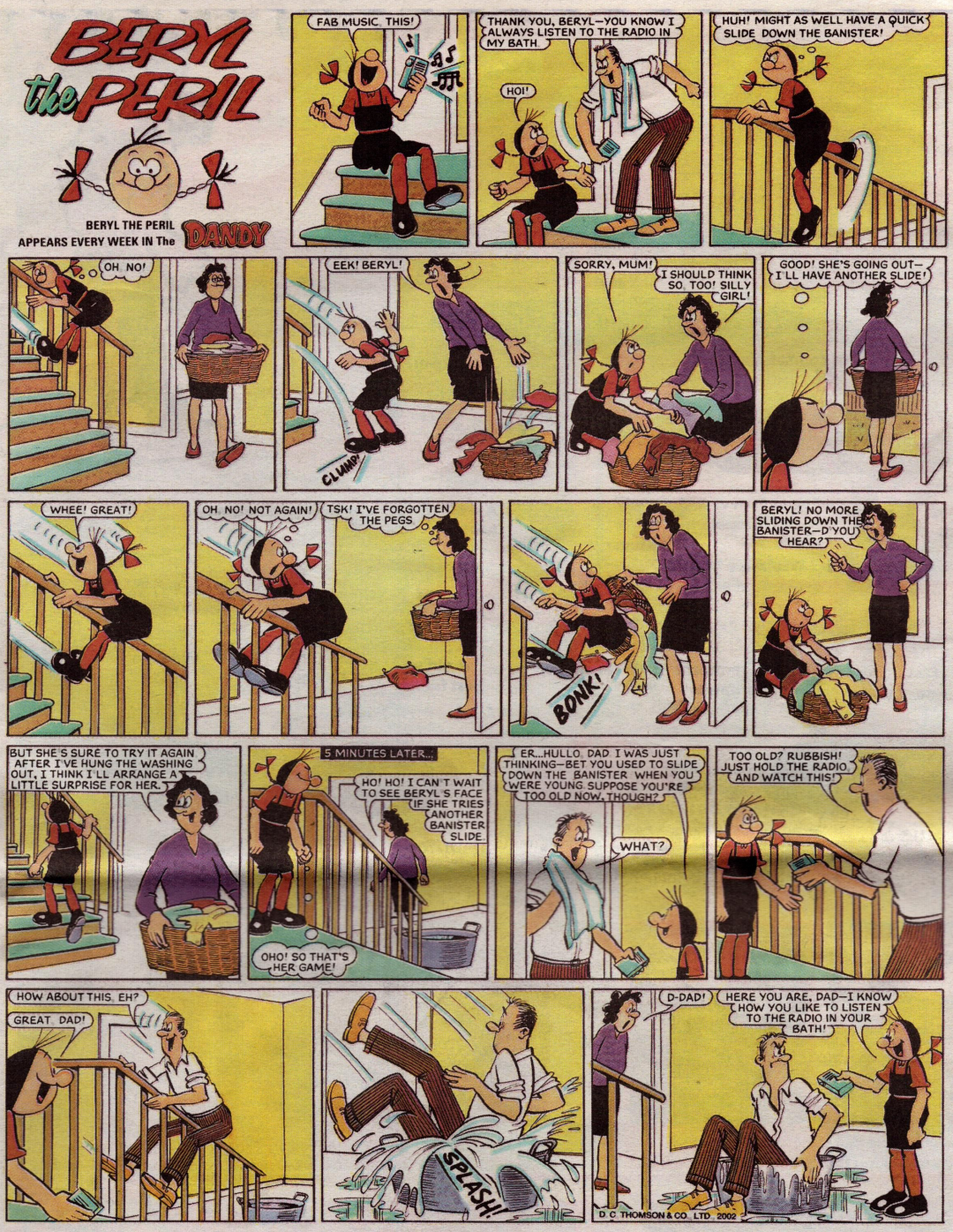
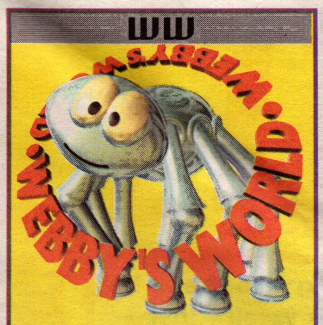


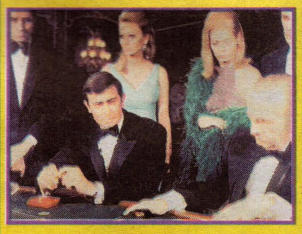


www.007.com

This official site from Eon Productions – the film company that owns the Bond franchise – celebrates the 40th anniversary of the British super-spy. Sleek and stylish with a briefcase full of high-tech graphics, get your goldfingers to log on. The 007 Dossier link is great for top secret details of Bond's 19 previous missions.

www.ianfleming.org

Proclaiming itself as the premier James Bond fan website, this site lives up to its billing. Detailed biographies of the five Bond actors, in-depth features and global titbits of 007 gossip can all be put under surveillence here. It seems getting information on Mr Bond isn't that hard – perhaps M needs to look for leaks within MI6!



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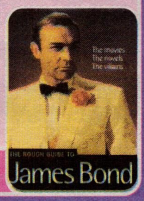
If you are a webhead and have discovered a great site, or have created one of your own, spin me a mail and tell me all about it on webby@sunday-times.co.uk

FRESH!

THE ROUGH GUIDE TO JAMES BOND ★★★★★

There are so many elements that make Bond the best – the gadgets, the music, the stunts, the baddies and the girls! This concise and comprehensive £5 guide investigates all of these, and more. Hugely entertaining and written in a tongue-in-cheek style, this is an essential purchase for Bond aficionados. Look out for the in-depth section on the origins of Ian Fleming's super-spy and the locations chapter – listing all the places used in the films. 007 heaven!



BOOK

SPECIAL EDITION 007 ★★★★★

After 40 years, 20 films and five Bonds, it's said that half the world's population has seen a Bond movie – and many of us have seen them again and again. All 19 Bond adventures [Die Another Day will be available in May 2003] from 1962's Dr No to 1999's The World is Not Enough are now available on DVD for £19.99 each – and if you buy one, you get another free. Extras on the discs include trailers, documentaries, commentaries and music videos. A Bond bonanza.

DVD

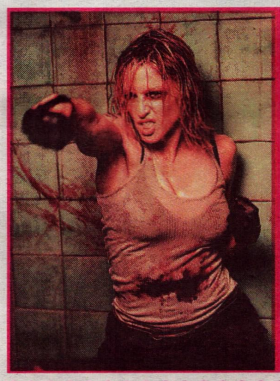
L'ESPION XTRA ★★★★★

007 would love one of these dinky digital cameras on one of his missions! This second generation compact but capable digital camera from Digital Dreams is out now. The L'Espion Xtra [£49] can store 207 high-res images, 478 low res and can take 30 seconds of video. Plus, it can act as a webcam for your PC. With a five-year guarantee and a system called liteSync, which eliminates the need for a flash, this super snapper looks cool, is great value and does a good job. For more info, click on www.digitaldreamco.com

GADGET

FUNDAY

BUZZ!

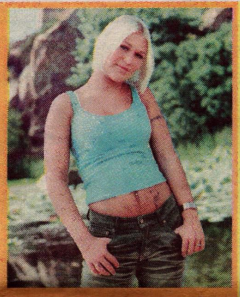


TO DIE FOR

Madonna joined a group of distinguished musical artists, including Tina Turner, Tom Jones, Louis Armstrong, Lulu and Shirley Bassey, when she recorded the latest James Bond title track, Die Another Day. The top five hit is included on the Music From The MGM Motion Picture Soundtrack Die Another Day album, alongside Paul Oakenfold's remix of the classic Bond theme. An enhanced version of the CD album also includes Madonna's Die Another Day video, a "making of the video" feature and the James Bond DVD anniversary trailer.

S CLUB SECRETS

Jo and Tina reveal the inside story on S Club's new album and movie



JO

The new single, Alive, is fab. What can we expect from the album?

Lots of dancey tracks, like the single. We've taken it up a notch since the Sunshine album, but don't worry, there are still some nice ballads on it. The one I really love is called Straight From The Heart, so listen out for that.

How long did it take to film the S Club movie?

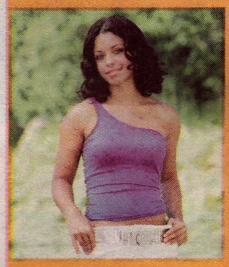
Only 20 days. It was very quick, probably a bit too quick because we had to rush to get all the scenes done in time. The working day was so long – from about 4.30am to 8pm every day.

Tell us a secret about the film ...

There is a really big surprise guest in it – a very famous pop star. But I can't tell you who it is because that would spoil the surprise, wouldn't it?

Spoilsport! Were there many on-set mishaps?

Funnily enough, no. We just didn't have time to muck about. We do that more when we're making a TV series. It's cheaper to make a TV series than it is to make a film so our managers sat us down and told us we really had to concentrate. We were pretty professional for a change!



We hear that the plot is all about S Club clones. Does this mean there's a good Jo and a bad Jo?

No, the clones aren't baddies, they're just eight weeks old so they don't know anything about anything. It was fun to pretend to be a bit stupid!

TINA

What's more fun – making a film or a TV series?

Definitely making a film – never in my wildest dreams did I ever dream I'd be a movie star.

Are you nervous about seeing yourself on such a big screen?

I get a sick feeling just thinking about it. I'm very critical of myself so I hope I give a good performance. Plus, I've got quite a big bum and it's going to look even bigger on a cinema screen, isn't it?

Was it fun making the new TV series in Spain?

It was nice and hot, but I prefer the food we get when we're working in America. I love junk food and America is the capital of junk food!

Would you ever leave England to live abroad?

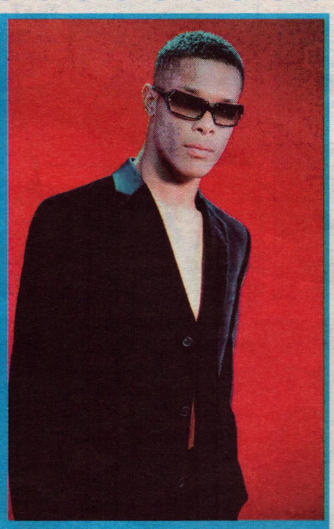
Maybe. I like being in the sun but if I lived in Spain I'd have to learn the language first. I wouldn't want to live somewhere where I couldn't talk!

Buzz! catches up with Rachel and Jon next week. S Club's new single, Alive, is out tomorrow!

PICTURE: NEAL PRESTON

ROMEO ... 007

Funday Buzz! talks Bond with UK garage superstar, Romeo



Did you want to be 007 when you were younger?

Of course! He's a hit with the ladies, and I'd always aspire to be that. But I wouldn't like to have to shoot people. When my brother and I were younger, we had these walkie-talkies that we'd use around the tower block – that was about as close as I got to being a secret agent!

What about all Bond's cool gadgets and gizmos – wouldn't you love to have them?

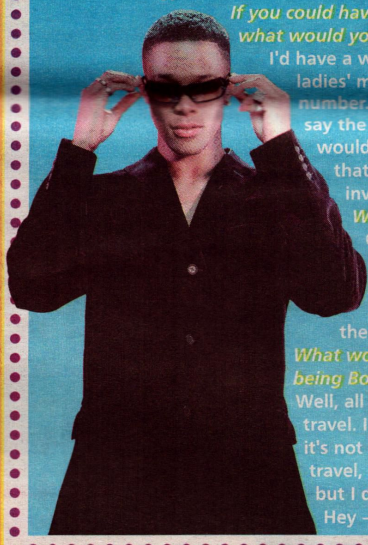
Actually, I'm not really up for all those kinds of things – they really confuse me! I'm being driven in a car at the moment that's packed full of buttons, knobs and dials everywhere, and it's so complicated! I'd just rather keep it simple.

So if you were Bond, what would you have as your car?

I've just got a really normal car at the moment, nothing flash. If I was a secret agent, I guess I'd up the stakes a bit – maybe I'd have a big Jeep or something, but I wouldn't have anything too ridiculous. I ain't got the need to have flames shooting out the back of my car or anything!

What about other toys – you must have a pretty cool mobile?

Yeah! I do tend to keep up to date with phones, I have to admit! And I've got a lot of computer stuff – all the best games consoles. I love my Xbox and my PlayStation – in fact, I was a bit hooked on the James Bond game when I first got it. But other than that, I'm really not into all that technology stuff.



If you could have any sort of secret agent gadget, what would you want it to do?

I'd have a watch that could send texts to ladies' mobiles – even if I didn't have their number. Even better would be if I could say the message into my watch and it would appear on her phone as a text – that'd be cool. Someone needs to invent that!

Who'd be your ideal Bond girl?

Ooh, I'm not really sure about that one – there are a lot of girls out there! Halle Berry's the new Bond girl, isn't she? I'll pick her then – she can be my Moneypenny!

What would be the best thing about being Bond?

Well, all the ladies, of course. And the travel. I bet he's pretty rich as well! But it's not better than my job – I get to travel, make money and meet nice girls, but I don't have to do anything violent. Hey – I'm cooler than Bond!

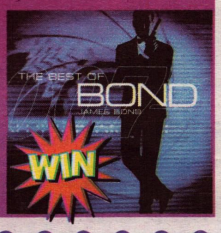
WIN THE BEST!

Madonna's Die Another Day is riding high in the charts, but if you want to listen to all the previous Bond themes, get your hands on the new The Best Of Bond ... James Bond CD. This album includes all the Bond themes from Dr No up to The World Is Not Enough, plus Moby's Bond theme remix. There are classic title tracks from Duran Duran, Garbage, Sheryl Crow, Tom Jones and A-Ha.

We've got 10 copies of this great CD up for grabs.

To enter, just tell us who sang GoldenEye.

Mark your entry 007 and send it, with your name, age and address, to the competition address on page 11.



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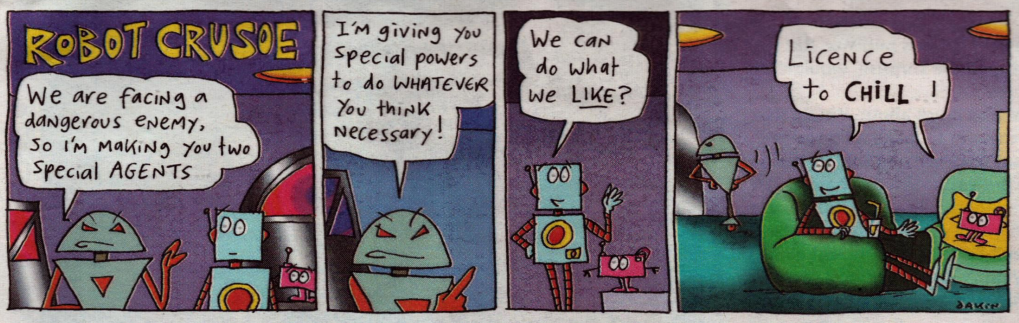

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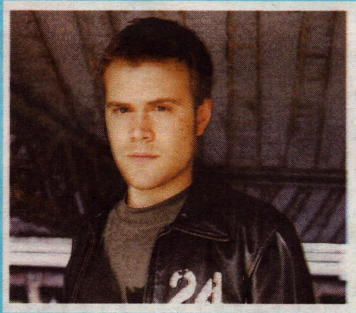


Daniel Bedingfield drops in and chats to Buzz!

Funday meets the maker of the fantastic new fantasy console game, Haven

PREMIUM BOND [ANSWERS FROM P6]

1 OCTOPUSSY. 2 THE SPY WHO LOVED ME. 3 GOLDENEYE. 4 MOONRAKER. 5 A VIEW TO A KILL.

EAGLE EYES

f-mail

Send your letters, cartoons, jokes and drawings to: The Funday Times, PO Box 5073, Leighton Buzzard LU7 7GX Send your e-mail to: funday.times@sunday-times.co.uk

BIG DRAW

All f-mailers will want to get their hands on the new selection of art goodies from Colour Workshop. The fab range includes super-scented Mini Gel pens and crazy Blopens for wicked writing and dazzling drawings.

The sender of this week's star f-mail will win a set of cool Colour Workshop goodies, including the new Stephen Mulhern range, Mini Gel pens, Blopens, tattoo and sponge painting kits and plenty more pens, stencils and stickers!

The other f-mailers will receive a fantastic Magic Blopens Activity kit and stencil pack, worth £30.

STAR

Dear f-mail,
I wrote a poem saying how good I think Funday is:

I wake up early every Sunday,
I wait for dad to bring home Funday.
With its news, sport and cartoons too,
It lets us express our point of view.
I'm engrossed in it throughout the day,
And never want to put it away.
When mum tells me to go to bed,
Funday is still whizzing through my head.
When I wake, I still think of Funday,
But I have to wait a week as it's Monday!

Eilidh McAllister, 11, Feltham

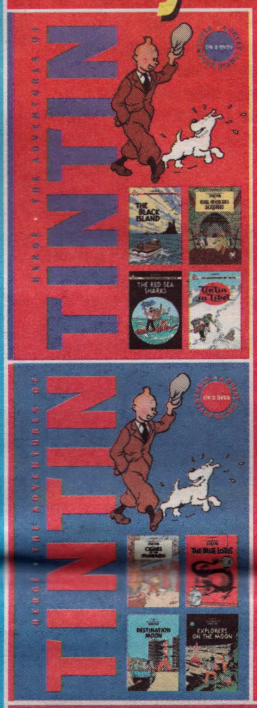
Peta Butterworth, 13, Northampton

FUNDAY

WIN IT!

COMPETITION ADDRESS Send answers to all competitions to us at: The Funday Times, PO Box 5073, Leighton Buzzard LU95 1AY or funday.comps@sunday-times.co.uk [only one e-mail per entrant please]
Competition deadline: November 27
Entrants to Funday competitions must be 16 and under.

WIN, WIN TINTIN!

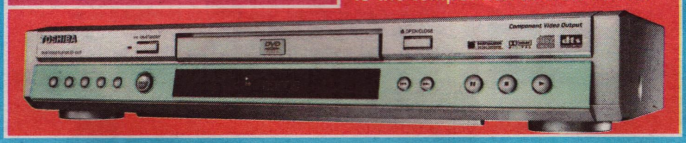


Billions of blue blistering barnacles! Now you can follow the animated escapades of Tintin on DVD and video. The Adventures of Tintin Volume 1 and Volume 2 each feature four classic tales of incredible puzzles, devious villains and hidden treasures.
Always accompanied by his faithful fox terrier – Snowy, Tintin travels the world, solving mysteries. Destination Moon, included on Volume 1, even sees him venture into outer space along with his friends, Captain Haddock and Professor Calculus. And in Volume 2 Tintin comes face to face with a gorilla and the abominable snowman!
To celebrate the release of The Adventures of Tintin on DVD [£19.99 each] and VHS [£9.99 each], Anchor Bay Entertainment UK is offering three Funday readers a superb Toshiba SD220E DVD player, courtesy of leading internet retailer unbeatable.co.uk. Our winners will also receive both Tintin DVDs and a limited-edition Tintin model rocket from The Tintin Shop, www.thetintinshop.uk.com.
Plus, 10 runners-up will pick up a poster, sticker book and character figurine.

To enter, tell us who created Tintin

unbeatable.co.uk

Mark your entry TINTIN and send it, with your name, age and address, to the competition address above.

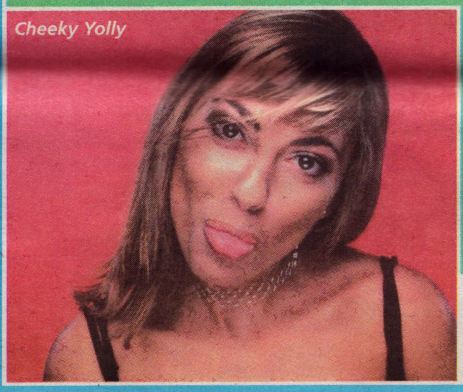


SCREEN TEST

If your funny bone is sending out an SOS, tune into LOL – Laugh Out Loud. This new anything-goes comedy show is on Nickelodeon's Thank Nick It's Friday at 5pm. It's stuffed full of crazy characters, including fashion know-it-all, Jean Paul Goatee and Mr Conkers – the head teacher who's bonkers!

Nick's Michelle

To celebrate the success of LOL – Laugh Out Loud, Nickelodeon is offering one reader the chance to be a TV presenter for a day. You'll get tickets for you and a friend [plus a guardian] to come to London and take part in the first ever Nickelodeon Television Presenting Workshop!
Your incredible day will include a guided tour of the Nick Studios and a chance to meet the crew behind the scenes. You'll also get to chat with two Nick presenters, Michelle and Yolly, and make your own video show-reel with them to take away. Lunch at a top restaurant and travel is included and you'll be given a Nickelodeon VIP goodie bag too.


Cheeky Yolly

To enter, just tell us which Nickelodeon show stars Chuckie and Angelica.

Mark your entry NICK and send it, with your name, age and address, to the competition address above.

Normal TNL competition rules apply to all Funday Times competitions

Dear f-mail,
I'm in Year 8 and we've been told to do a project on Anne Frank. We read her diary and, honestly, it is such a tragic story about a 14-year-old girl and her family who went into hiding for two years in a secret attic just because they were Jewish! You see, Hitler invaded Holland during the second world war and many Jews like Anne went into hiding, as Hitler was executing them! But Anne's diary is so beautiful, so human and the end is very unexpected. So I think if Hitler were still alive and if he read the diary he would see that it was really a crime to destroy someone's life just for being Jewish!
Anika Rahman, 12, Manchester

Adam Williams, 12, Isle of Man

COLLECT A RANGER ... PART 4

Each week, we profile one of the new Power Rangers Wild Force. This week it's Taylor, aka Yellow Ranger – the spirit of the eagle
Taylor has been a Ranger for more than a year and was previously a US fighter pilot. As a Ranger she had problems during her first assignment and needed Princess Shayla's help in overcoming an Org.

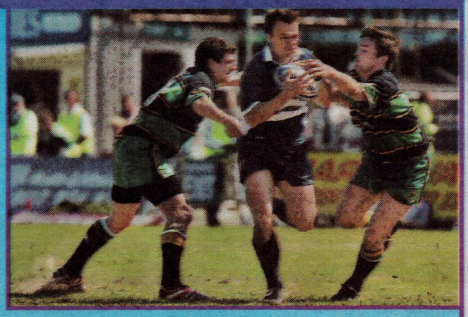
- There are currently 59 species of eagle in the world and eagles live in every continent except Antarctica.
- There are four major groups of eagles: fish eagles, booted eagles, snake eagles and giant forest eagles.
- The bald eagle was selected by the USA's founding fathers as a national symbol because it is a species unique to North America although Ben Franklin originally wanted a wild turkey.
- The population of bald eagles fell to endangered levels of fewer than 500 pairs in the US by the early 1960s. However, strong protection laws have led to an encouraging increase in numbers.

Watch Power Rangers Wild Force on Fox Kids, weekdays at 1pm.

FUNDAY SPORT

PHIL CHRISTOPHERS

Bristol Shogun wing Phil Christophers doesn't stay still for long! The 22-year-old grew up in Germany, played club rugby in France and made his debut for England in May. Somehow, Funday Sport managed to catch up with him for a chat!

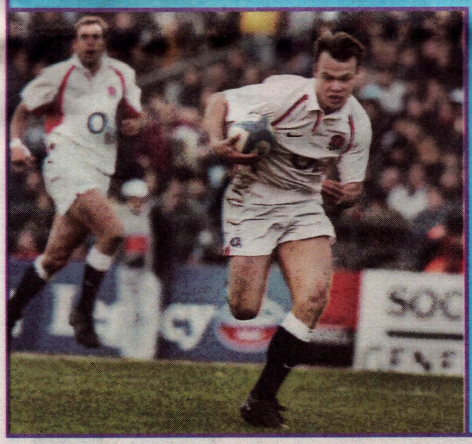


You scored two tries in your first game for England against the Barbarians. What are your memories of that day?

Walking out in front of 60,000 people, and hearing them cheer, was a fantastic experience. And of course, scoring the two tries really made the whole day for me. I only just made the first one – I managed to wiggle my way out of a tackle and get over the touchline.

It must have been great preparation for Argentina the following month.

The Argentina tour was excellent. We didn't have too busy a schedule because they wanted to keep us fresh for the games. But it was daunting playing in front of the Argentinean fans. It was similar to playing in front of a football crowd. I wouldn't say they were hostile but they were very much supporting their team and cheering them on. So it felt great when I scored!



Was it a big disappointment not to be selected to play against New Zealand?

Of course. I've talked to people, though, and I know the things I need to work on. I'm not going to say what they are because I like to keep things like that to myself. But I'm going to keep on working hard and improving.

Bristol haven't had a great start to the season – what are the reasons for that?

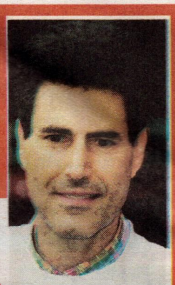
We haven't played particularly well and sometimes there's a loss of enthusiasm in the team. We need to make sure that we perform for 80 minutes. We've lost a few games marginally which we should have won, such as the one against Wasps. So we should have had two or three more wins this season. But against Sale we were definitely in the driving seat and things were awesome against Leicester too.

You were finishing a degree course at Loughborough University at the same time as playing for Bristol. Was it tough to do both?

Yes! In my final year I travelled about 30,000km between Loughborough and Bristol. It was so hard to concentrate on both my European Studies course and my game. I was very tired – I'd get up at 5.30am to study, go to lectures and then travel to training! I've no regrets, though. Rugby was the priority but I was always going to finish off the degree. Rugby players don't earn as much as footballers, so it's important to have another career after your playing days are over.

SPORT NEWS

Funday picks out the best of this week's sporting action



Today FA Cup first round, Forest Green v Exeter City

It's a long way from the Millennium Stadium in May, but the FA Cup starts here. Exeter City co-chairman, Uri Geller, needs to use all his positive energy if his struggling third division side are to overcome Forest Green Rovers from the conference. The draw for the second round of the cup competition will take place after the match. See the action live on BBC1 from 1pm.

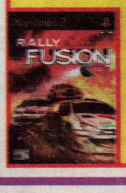
Saturday La Liga, Real Madrid v Barcelona, Bernabeu

One of the biggest games in world football sees the Catalan giants Barca travel to their arch rivals Real Madrid. Both teams have had a poor start to their domestic seasons despite the talents of Ronaldo [pictured], Luis Figo, Patrick Kluivert, Gaizka Mendieta, Zinedine Zidane and Javier Saviola in their squads. Live on Sky Sports.

RALLY ALLY

Get on the right track with Rally Fusion: Race of Champions [£44.99] – the new adrenaline-fuelled race game for PlayStation 2 and Xbox. The game is inspired by the Michelin Race of Champions event, in which top speed stars battle it out to be the best. With 19 different vehicles and more than 20 challenging tracks to test your driving skills, you'll need nerves of steel to beat 'em!

Activision is giving two Funday readers a copy of Rally Fusion: Race of Champions, a PlayStation 2 console and a steering wheel. Plus, three runners-up will bag a copy of the game.



To enter, name the island on which the Michelin Race of Champions is held.

Mark your entry RALLY and send it, with your name, age and address, to the competition address on page 11.

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